

Appendix E.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF047/T2

To supply and install a new four station outdoor gym facility at the Community Council's Vaughan Avenue Park in Resolven.

This bid has been developed to 'Enhance existing Council Services' working in close partnership with the Resolven Community Council.

The funding will be used to procure and install outdoor gym equipment which will include a Hand Bike, an Air Skier, a Rower and a Cross Trainer. Equipment to be installed using ground anchors with anti – tamper bolts set within 48 square metres of wet pour Safety Surfacing. Equipment to comply with the European Safety Standard EN16630:2015 and carry a 25 year structural warranty.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Member. Representation has been made by Slimming World attendees, Mother and Toddler patrons, the WI, Sardis Youth Club and Resolven/Melincourt pensioners. The proposal was supported as it offers an inexpensive alternative to paying gym membership, it would augment the existing Park and would be available for all ages and abilities. Those that might be body conscious in using an indoor gym would enjoy free use of the proposed outdoor apparatus.

The Vaughan Avenue play area has been incrementally improved over the years with the addition of new play apparatus and a skate park. The Community Council wish to build upon this given the importance of outdoor recreation and exercise during a pandemic.

The scheme has no further financial implications for NPTCBC as the maintenance, inspection, upkeep and insurance of the new equipment will fall within the Resolven Community Council's Parks maintenance budget.

Recommendations

The project is valued at £20,658 (net, with VAT recoverable) which is the full cost of procuring and installing the equipment, safety surfacing, signage, welfare and a post installation inspection (to ensure safety for

use). The Applicant, Councillor Dean Lewis, would wish to contribute £2,000 from his Members Fund allocation. The remainder of the total funding package comprises a NPTCBC Minor Projects Grant of £12,000 (Cabinet Finance Sub Committee, 15.12.21), a £5,000 grant for the local Ffynnon Oer Wind Farm Fund and £1,658 from Resolven Community Council Reserves.

The project proposal is recommended for approval and financial support under the Members Community Fund.